

Risk Communication Study

My name is Dr. Evan M. Lowder, and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University. I am supervising a study on risk communication led by George Mason University student, Ashley Rodriguez. The purpose of this study is to examine the effects of pretrial risk assessment communication on pretrial release decisions. This study may inform researchers about how to optimize the presentation of materials used to make pretrial release decisions. The results of this study will inform relevant stakeholders on how to best present pretrial materials for pretrial decision-makers.

In order to participate in this study, you must have previous or current professional experience as a judge, pretrial officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney in the United States.

The study will take place online via Qualtrics. Participants will first read a vignette and then answer questions followed by a survey about the participant's demographic information. No personal identifying information such as names, email addresses, or IP addresses will be collected in this study. All participants will remain anonymous. The study will take approximately 10 minutes. You can voluntarily withdraw from the study at any time. This research has been reviewed according to George Mason University procedures governing your participation in this research. IRBNet Number: 1865910-1.

Please [click here to complete the survey](https://gmuchss.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efhTUL1pNEaOSuG) or copy and paste the link below to access the survey via your web browser.

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If you have any questions, you can contact Dr. Evan M. Lowder (elowder@gmu.edu).

Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

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